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IN RE APPLICATION OF: JOHN M. PEDERSEN *ET AL.*

APPLICATION No.: 09/823,948

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FOR: **DRY CONTACT ASSEMBLIES, METHODS
 FOR MAKING DRY CONTACT
 ASSEMBLIES, AND PLATING MACHINES
 WITH DRY CONTACT ASSEMBLIES FOR
 PLATING MICROELECTRONIC
 WORKPIECES**

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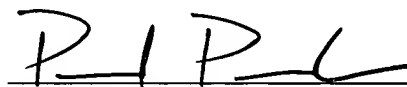
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